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Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-18 remain pending in the

application, with claims 1 and 10 being the independent claims. The specification is sought

to be amended to update the priority information as well as to correct minor typographical

errors. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully

requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully

requested. Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance. If the

Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of

this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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